CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Paradaisu (Disc 1)

Other known title(s): Paradise (Disc 1)

OFLC ref: 1000364.000

Medium: DVD

Distributor: Not stated

Director: Various

Producer: Various

Country of origin: Japan

Language: Japanese, English

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Classification:	Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 16 April 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Words Worth 1	25:07
	Words Worth 2	24:57
	Words Worth 3	27:21
	Septim Charm 1	27:30
	Septim Charm 2	29:12
	Septim Charm 3	28:19
	Septim Charm 4	28:02
	Septim Charm 5	29:15
	Septim Charm 6	28:52

	Untitled 1	27:58
	Untitled 2	28:49
	Untitled 3	27:10
	Twin Angels: Volume 4	27:40
	Twin Angels: Raiment Restored	30:05
	Mezzo 1	30:42
	Mezzo 2	30:00
	Mission Of Darkness	43:02
	Shusaku	9:56
Total running time:		503:57

Summary of reasons for decision:

The DVD is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, the use of violence to compel a person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct, and the use of urine and excrement in association with degrading conduct and sexual conduct. It also tends to promote and support bestiality.

The publication is a DVD comprising a collection of 18 episodes from sexually explicit Japanese animated series. All 18 components present the rape of women as sexually arousing. This is a sustained and dominant theme throughout. A number of components play on the youthful characteristics of several of its female characters and present them as sexually desirable and available. This legitimises and encourages adult sexual interest in young persons. The use of urine and excrement in association with degrading conduct and sexual conduct is also depicted, as is bestiality, all in a manner intended to entertain and sexually arouse the viewer.

Excisions to remove the problematic material were considered, but were deemed impractical because of the high extent of these depictions throughout the DVD.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria elsewhere in these reasons. The classification of this publication interferes with freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable.